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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Berkeley—Protest over Right-Wing Provocateur's Talk at UC Berkeley Turns Violent

(U) A controversial speaker scheduled to appear at the UC Berkeley campus turned violent yesterday as hundreds of protesters spilled off campus into the city streets, where they confronted drivers, engaged in fights, smashed storefront windows and set fires. The incident began around 6 p.m., two hours before Breitbart News editor Milo Yiannopoulos was to begin his speech inside the student union building. Protestors outside the building began to turn violent, prompting police to evacuate Yiannopoulos for his own safety. Berkeley police said there were five injuries and no arrests.

SOURCE: 1 February 2017, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

(U) Fullerton—High School Students Arrested for Alleged School Shooting Plot

(U) Two Fullerton high school students were arrested for allegedly plotting a school shooting that they were overheard describing as "bigger than Columbine," police said. A parent overheard the students allegedly discussing different types of firearms to use and their effectiveness, and reported them to the school resource officer along with their picture. A follow-up investigation revealed the two conducted online research about school shootings, including weapons and past shootings like Columbine. The two 16-year-old students were detained for making criminal threats and conspiracy to commit a felony.

SOURCE: 1 February 2017, [ABC 7 Los Angeles](#)

(U) San Francisco—SFPD to Suspend Collaboration with FBI Counterterrorism Program

(U) San Francisco police will suspend the department's much-criticized collaboration with FBI counterterrorism efforts, police said yesterday, in an announcement that comes as San Francisco moves to disengage from the federal government under the Trump administration. The Joint Terrorism Task Force, which has two full-time city officers assigned to it, was established in 2007, when the police force entered into an agreement with the FBI that authorized intelligence-gathering by San Francisco officers. While police officials acknowledged the community's concerns of the program, they stated that SFPD was suspending involvement due to the expiration of the 10-year memorandum of understanding.

SOURCE: 1 February 2017, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Delaware—Correction Employee Dead after Hostage Situation at Prison

(U) Smyrna—A Delaware Department of Correction employee is dead after a hostage situation that lasted nearly 24 hours inside the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center, officials said this morning. The incident began yesterday around 10:30 a.m. when inmates assumed control of a building and took four hostages. The first two hostages were eventually released the same day, but it took until 5:06 a.m. EST today before Delaware State Police breached the C Building to respond to the two remaining hostages. One hostage "was safely rescued" and was "alert and talking," while the other employee was found unresponsive and pronounced dead at 5:29 a.m. EST.

SOURCE: 2 February 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) District of Columbia—Trump Administration to Refocus Efforts of Counter-Extremism Program

(U) Washington—The Trump administration wants to revamp and rename a US government program designed to counter all violent ideologies so that it focuses solely on Islamist extremism, five people briefed on the matter told media sources. The program, "Countering Violent Extremism," or CVE, would be changed to "Countering Islamic Extremism" or "Countering Radical Islamic Extremism," according to the sources. The CVE program has aimed to deter groups or potential lone attackers through community partnerships and educational programs or counter-messaging campaigns in cooperation with companies such as Google and Facebook. Though the CVE program has had its critics, some fear that rebranding it could make it more difficult for the government to work with Muslims already hesitant to trust the new administration.

SOURCE: 2 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Spain—Three Arrests Over Breach Claimed by ‘Phineas Fisher’ Hacker

(U) Madrid—Spanish police have arrested three people over a data breach linked to a series of intrusions at European spy software companies claimed by an online Robin Hood-type figure known as Phineas Fisher. A spokesman with Catalonia's regional police did not confirm the identity of those arrested, but said only that two men and a woman were arrested on 30 January in Salamanca and Barcelona on suspicion of breaking into the website of the Mossos labor union in May, hijacking its Twitter feed and leaking the personal data of more than 5,500 officers. The Catalan breach had been previously claimed by Phineas Fisher, but some expressed doubts that the hacker was one of those recently arrested.

SOURCE: 1 February 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Syria—Syrian Army says it Will Press on Against ISIL near Aleppo

(U) Aleppo—The Syrian army signaled today it would press on with operations against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) northeast of Aleppo, in a veiled warning to Turkey which backs a separate military campaign in northern Syria. Syrian government forces have rapidly driven ISIL back in the last two weeks, advancing to within 4 miles of the city of al-Bab. The army's gains risk sparking a confrontation with Turkey, which has sent tanks and warplanes across the border to support Syrian insurgents who are trying to seize al-Bab in a separate offensive. Ankara last week denied that Turkey would hand over al-Bab to President Bashar al-Assad after driving out ISIL.

SOURCE: 2 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas—Border Patrol Agent Convicted of Aiding Drug Cartel

(U) Brownsville—A South Texas jury has acquitted a Border Patrol agent of murder but convicted him of aiding organized crime in a drug-related case that left a man decapitated. Prosecutors contend Joel Luna used his position to help a Mexican cartel move illegal weapons and ammunition south of the border and drugs to the north. While he was acquitted on 31 January of the most serious charges in the 2015 death, his brother, Eduardo Luna, was found guilty of the murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole. Joel Luna agreed to a 20-year sentence for his role in organized criminal activity.

SOURCE: 1 February 2017, [CBS DFW](#)

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